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## **SHRIMP FISHERY OPENED IN FEDERAL WATERS OFF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA**

NOAA Fisheries is opening the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) adjacent to the territorial waters of South Carolina and Georgia to the harvest of brown, pink, and white shrimp, beginning at 12:01 AM June 16, 2001.

On March 19, 2001, NOAA Fisheries closed the EEZ adjacent to the states of South Carolina and Georgia at the request of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Information provided by the states of South Carolina and Georgia indicated that there had been greater than an 80 percent mortality of overwintering white shrimp due to severe cold weather in the region. Based on this information, the Council requested that NOAA Fisheries' Assistant Administrator concurrently close the South Atlantic EEZ adjacent to the closed state waters to protect the spawning stock of white shrimp.

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